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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 are independent. All of the pending claims are rejected. Claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12, 16 and 17 are herein amended. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Objection

Claim 10 has been objected to because of stated informalities. In response, claim 10 has been amended to correct "he said" to read --the--.

Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 10, 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner indicates that the claims recite "the connection information" twice, i.e., "in accordance with the connection information, and based on the connection information."

Each of claims 10, 16 and 17 has been amended to delete the second occurrence of "connection information".

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 10, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

In paragraph six (6) of the Office Action, all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-17) have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,542,191 to Yonezawa ("Yonezawa").

Independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 have been amended for further clarification.

One of the aspects of the present invention as featured in independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 as amended is to output the received image data onto the display together with the associated information regarding the camera including the position of camera, in accordance with a user's request.

Yonezawa discloses an image display apparatus capable of selecting an arbitrary camera from a plurality of cameras connected via a network and displaying an image sensed by the selected camera. The image display apparatus of Yonezawa includes a first memory unit for storing predetermined map data, a map display unit for displaying a map on a screen based on the map data stored in the first memory unit, a symbol display unit for superimposing a camera symbol indicative of the camera at an arbitrary position of the map displayed on the screen, and a second memory unit for storing the camera symbol in association with the position.

Applicants note however that the map editor and the camera information dialogue box of Yonezawa are not displayed together. See, for example, Figs. 11 and 28 of Yonezawa. Furthermore, Yonezawa is silent about the received image data and the associated camera information are displayed in accordance with the user's request as specifically recited in independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17.

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Accordingly, Applicants believe that each of independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 as amended is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Yonezawa for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicants have not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicants submit that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicants however reserve the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4638). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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